Labourers in organised sector in Gujarat

3191. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers working in the organised sector in Gujarat State;

(b) whether Government have agreed to provide funds to the State Government for welfare schemes for these labourers;

(c) if so, the details of the schemes implemented so far and the funds provided therefor;

(d) the schemes awaited central assistance; and

(e) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the Population Census 1991, the main workers in Gujarat were 14.09 Million. The Population Census figures do not indicate separate break-up of workers in the organised sector. However, according to Pocket Book of Labour Statistics (1994) brought out by Labour Bureau, Shimla, the estimated average daily number of workers employed in factories in Gujarat in 1991 was 761,000.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

P. F. Arrears of South end school Calcutta

3192. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 967 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th March, 1995 and to state:

(a) what were the defect noticed in the returns submitted by the South End School and the details thereof;

(b) what is the stage in which the investigation by the RPFC is presently pending;

(c) whether it is a fact that any arrests were made in this connection by the P.F. authorities, if so, the details thereof;

(d) what were the EPF contribution for the years 1990-91, 191-92 and 1992-93; and

(e) the total amount deposited by the School with RPFC authorities as on date?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Workers of ITDC Western Court Hostel Canteen in New Delhi

3193. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers employed in the past at India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Western Court M.P Hostel Canteen;

(b) whether it is a fact that the former Chairman IDTC Provident Fund Trust did not bring in these employees in ITDC Provident Fund Trust;

(c) whether any complaint has been received against ITDC management in the past by Regional Provdent Fund Commissioner (RPFC); if so, details thereof;

(d) what action was initiated by RPFC against the former Chairman, ITDC Provident Fund Trust;

(e) whether any penal action has been initiated against any one responsible for not maintaining the ITDC Provident Fund Trust in order in the past;

(f) what will be the total amount ITDC have to deposit with RPFC/ITDC provident Fund as arrears of Western Court M. Ps. Hostel Canteen Employees; and

(g) if so, whether any amount has been deposited by ITDC with RPFC; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) 7

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (g) In the inspection carried out by the EPF authorities on 26-11-1992 it was found that 7 employees were not made members of the ITDC PF Trust. Subsequently a complaints about this was also received from the All India ITDC Union. Immediately after inspection of the establishment proceedings under Section 7A of the EPF & MP Act were initiated and the management was direct ed to enroll all the 7 employees as membrs of the EPF scheme. The establishment has since complied with the directions of the RPFC and deposited the assessed amount of Rs. 1,40,184.50 in the PF of the employees. As such no further action is considered necessary in the matter.

Revision of minimum wages for agricultural workers

3194. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed minimum wages for Agricultural workers;

(b) if so, the State and Union Territory-wise limits thereof;

(c) the date from the newly revised minimum wages for Agricultural workers will come into effect;

(d) the reaction of the State Government thereon; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 both the Central as well as State Governments are the appropriate Governments for fixation/revision of minimum wages for the scheduled employments falling under their respective jurisdiction. The scheduled employment of Agriculture falls mainly in the State sphere. The Central Gvoernment is concerned to a limited extent only in respct of agricultural farms under different Central Ministries. All the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have fixed/revised the minimum rates of wages for the scheduled employment of Agriculture. A statement on the prevailing minimum rates of wages fixed by various State Governments|Union Territory Admiinstrations as well as the Central Government for the lowest paid unskilled category of Agricultural workers, indicating the dates of last revision thereof, is annexed.

Statement

Daily rates of minimum wages for Agricultural Workers fixed by different States/UTs under the minimum wages act, 1948

Sl.No.	State/UTs	Minimum wages for unskilled agricultural workers
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs 16.80 to Rs. 23 40 p.d. (According to Zones) (8.4.91)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 21.00 to Rs. 24.00 p.d. (According to Areas) (1.11.90)
3.	Assam	Rs. 1134.00 p.m. or Rs. 984.00 p.m. plus food, shelter and cothing (1.2.92)